

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Abstract

Although the previous response, submitted June 11, 2004, included an abstract on a separate sheet (page 8 of the response) and including a single paragraph (the second and third paragraphs were crossed-out in accordance with requirement for amending the specification), a new abstract on a separate sheet is presented at the end of this response. The new abstract does not include the underlines and strike-outs used to indicate deletions and additions, but is otherwise identical to that presented in the previous response.

2. Objections to Claims

These objections have been addressed by:

- amending claim 14 to recite “first” and “second” devices, as suggested in paragraph 1 on page 3 of the Official Action; and
- amending claim 16 to depend from claim 14 rather than claim 13.

Having thus overcome each of the objections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the objections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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